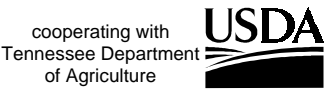




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## 2001 WHEAT YIELDS TIE 1999 RECORD

Wheat yields in Tennessee are projected at a record tying high of 56 bushels per acre, according to a recent survey conducted by the Tennessee Agricultural Statistics Service. If realized, the average state yield will be one bushel above a year ago and tie the record set in 1999. Total production, at 18.5 million bushels, is 12 percent below last year and 3 percent below 1999. Tennessee farmers harvested 330,000 acres for grain, down 13 percent from the previous year and the smallest acreage since 1994.

Producers experienced almost ideal conditions during the growing season with only minor insect, disease and weather damage reported. Virtually, all of the State’s wheat acreage had been harvested by the first week of July, almost a week ahead of the five-year average.

## U.S. WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION UP 3 PERCENT FROM JUNE FORECAST

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.37 billion bushels. This is up 3 percent from last month but down 13 percent from 2000. The U.S. yield is forecast at 43.2 bushels per acre, up 2.0 bushels from last month. Acres for harvest as grain are forecast at 31.7 million, down 10 percent from 2000. Harvest progress in the 18 major producing States had reached 55 percent completion by July 1. This is percentage points behind last year but 10 points ahead of average.

WINTER WHEAT: TENNESSEE, SURROUNDING STATES, AND U.S., JULY 1, 2001 WITH COMPARISONS <sup>1</sup>

State	Acreage Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	1,000 Acres		Bushels		1,000 Bushels	
Arkansas	1,100	970	54.0	48.0	59,400	46,560
Georgia	200	220	54.0	53.0	10,800	11,660
Kentucky	420	340	57.0	62.0	23,940	21,080
Mississippi	235	185	55.0	50.0	12,925	9,250
Missouri	950	760	52.0	54.0	49,400	41,040
North Carolina	550	500	50.0	36.0	27,500	18,000
Tennessee	380	330	55.0	56.0	20,900	18,480
Virginia	205	175	63.0	57.0	12,915	9,975
United States	35,022	31,657	44.6	43.2	1,562,733	1,366,192

<sup>1</sup>2001 forecast, 2000 final.

## TENNESSEE PEACH CROP LARGEST SINCE 1995

The Tennessee peach forecast this July looks very promising. As of July 1, the 2001 peach crop forecast is at 4.0 million pounds, up 1.5 million pounds. If realized, this year’s crop will be the largest since 1995 when 10.4 million pounds were produced. By the first week in April, the majority of the crop had reached the budding or beyond stage and blooming or beyond stage by the third week. During the middle of April, some losses were reported due to several freezes, but many producers had little or no damage.

## MIXED U.S. PEACH PRODUCTION FORECAST

The July 2001 forecast of U.S. peach production is 2.53 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 2000 but less than 1 percent above two years ago. Twelve States forecast increases in production from last year while 16 States expect declines and 1 State is unchanged.